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Thursday, April 8
This Month's Meeting

Postponed one week due to Passover

This month's meeting will feature Bob, W1RH and Steve, AA1IZ talking about their recent adventures in Grenada

Submitting Material to the Circuit

Material may be submitted for publication by sending it directly to the editor. This can be done by phone, by US Mail, or via the Internet (preferred). The deadline for each issue is the **Wednesday**, one week before the monthly meeting.

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President's Message

It has been a busy month. As spring begins, it's time to start thinking about Field Day. We had an enthusiastic turnout at our first meeting, and it looks like FARA will be mounting a competitive Field Day effort, IF we get enough support. The number of towers will be scaled back by one or two. We will be doing without the National Guard tents, so we will have to come up with our own shelters. Meetings are every other Wednesday, at the shack. The next meeting is March 31st. Ed, W1NXC, has done a fantastic job, registering students for License in a Weekend. As usually happens, no one signs up until the week before the class. I think we are close to 10 students now. I'm glad to see a number of young people, which bodes well for the future of our hobby. Bev noticed that the beam at the shack needs its regular spring tightening, so I will be leading a work party up to the roof on April 3rd, weather permitting. This time, we're gonna fix it so it stays fixed! Thank you all for getting your dues paid. We're grateful for the support. We can also use some help running the club, so if you'd like to take a more active part in making FARA work, please talk to one of the officers. We have several jobs that need someone to make sure they get done.

73,

Peter, KA1AXY

1999 Massachusetts QSO Party

The first full weekend in May. From 1800Z on Saturday May 1 to 0400Z Sunday May 2, and from 1100Z to 2100Z Sunday May 2 (20 hours total). MA stations may work any station. Non-MA stations may work only MA stations. Fixed stations may be worked once per band per mode. Mobile or portable stations may be worked once per Massachusetts county/state. Operation will be on any frequency authorized for amateur use, except the 30, 17 and 12 meter bands. Permitted modes are Phone and Non Phone. Land based repeater contacts are not permitted. Categories include Non-MA stations, MA single Op, MA Multi-Op, MA Mobile / Portable, & MA Team (5 single op members). QSO EXCHANGE: MA stations send signal report and county, Non-MA stations send signal report and US State, Canadian Province or DXCC country.

POINTS: One point per Phone QSO, two points per non-phone QSO.

MULTIPLIERS: MA stations, total number of MA counties, US States (excluding MA), Canadian Provinces and DXCC countries worked on each band. Non-MA Stations, total number of Massachusetts counties worked on each band (maximum 14 per band). Washington, DC contacts shall be counted as a Maryland QSO.

SCORE: Total QSO Points multiplied by the sum total of all multipliers worked. Dupe sheet required for logs with 100 QSO or more.

LOGS: Electronic and printed entries are permitted (deadline is 30 days after contest period ends).

Send entries to n1tyh@aol.com or Massachusetts QSO Party c/o Framingham Amateur Radio Association PO Box 3005 Framingham MA 01701.

Visit our web page at <http://www.qsl.net/fara>, for a complete set of rules.

Worked All Europe Winners

by Sharon, KC1YR

The all-FARA team of Martin AA1ON/G4DZC, Danny N1ZPE/T93M and Sharon KC1YR, operating from Martin's shack as KC1YR, won top North American honors for the second year in a row in the Worked All Europe SSB contest.

The KC1YR team finished first in North America and third in the world (non-Europe) overall in the multi-op category, behind RK9CWW and ZW5B (by less than 50,000 points). Results, as thoughtfully passed along to us by Danilo S5OU:

Top Six Multi Operator Non-Europe, Worked All Europe SSB '98

Call	Total Score
RK9CWW	2352861
ZW5B	1853864
KC1YR	1807496
RK9CWP	1621270
C6AKM	1521234
LU6N	975528

FraminghamARA-L@qth.net

The FARA email reflector is working well. It provides us with an easy way to reach all our members who have email. You have to sign up; it will reach you, though. See the instructions on the FARA web page, and remember that, once you sign up, anything you send must come from the address you signed up with. If you change email addresses, you won't be able to post until you repeat the signup process from your new address.

New Email Address

Our Director, Dick, has a new email address. It is K1KTK@arrl.net. Anyone with a ARRL membership can use the ARRLnet email forwarding service. You first need to set up a FREE account with the members only section of the ARRL website. Use the web address www.arrl.org and click on "Members Only" to find out how. This address will forward to your existing email address.

No Net Access, No Problem

by Robert, N1UVA

Are you interested in reading the Circuit online and receiving emails from the Clubs email list?

A new service is available called NetZero. It is a completely free Internet service with the same privileges that you get with other Internet services but no monthly fees. You can surf the web and you will get a full email account.

The catch, is that while your browser is loaded a window will also open with banner ads that run while you are online.

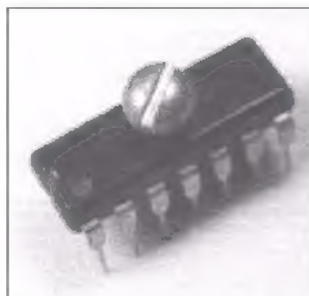
The minimum system requirements are a 486 system, with 16 MB of RAM, about 12 MB of free disk space, Windows 95, a 14.4 modem and an SVGA monitor.

I have been using the service periodically and I have never encountered a busy signal and consistently get a 33.6 connection from home.

Ask a friend to download it from www.netzero.com.

**READ THE CIRCUIT ONLINE...
SAVES PAPER AND POSTAGE**
email fara@fara.org and we'll set you up!

What's This?



Read club member Sumner Weisman's, W1VIV, article in the April QST to find out.



Steve, AA1IZ and students in Grenada with one of the computers we shipped.

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)
Regular FARA \$10
Student / Retired \$5
Repeater (voluntary) \$10

FARA Horizons

Apr 8: Monthly Meeting
Apr 26: Board Meeting
May 1: MA Qso Party
May 1: FARA Night Out

Change of Address

If you would like to change the address on your Circuit label, please email fara@fara.org. Or, you can call Bev Lees at 508-626-2012.

FARA DINNER OUT

1999

Bella Costa Ristorante
147 Cochituate Rd (Route 30)
Colonial Shopping Center
Framingham, MA
Saturday, May 1, 1999
7:00 PM

Back by popular demand
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Italian Buffet

Appetizers: Crackers, Cheese and Vegetable Tray, Wild Onion
Salad, Veal Parmagiana, Chicken Marsala, Baked Scrod,
Pasta, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables
Dessert, Coffee or Tea



Chef Paul

\$17.00 per person
(Includes tax and gratuity)



Bob



Cash Bar

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 27, 1999



Make checks payable to FARA and mail to:
Dick Marshall KIKTE, 62 Village Drive, Marlborough, MA 01752-3671

Name _____ Call _____
Phone _____ Number of people _____
Amount Enclosed _____